

REMARKS

Claim Rejections and Amendments

Claims 1-7 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

The claims have been amended to eliminate this rejection by changing the term “secondary bonus feature” to --bonus game--.

Regarding the terms “non-initial state” and “initial state”, those terms were present in, at least, originally filed claims 2-4. As such, these terms are described in the application as originally filed. To expedite prosecution, the specification has been amended to refer to the terms “non-initial state” and “initial state”.

Thus, it is respectfully requested the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112 be withdrawn.

Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)

An IDS was filed on January 9, 2009. It is respectfully requested that an initialed Form 1449 be provided for this IDS.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, allowance of the claims at the earliest possible date is requested.

If prosecution of this application can be assisted by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants’ undersigned attorney at (510) 663-1100.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment (including any fees due for an extension of time), such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 504480 (Order No. IGT1P288X1).

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Respectfully submitted,

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